

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3044
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2015
COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECT
Yellaiah Shri Nandi

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have sanctioned Obulavaripalli-Krishnapatnam railway line project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have set up a Special Purpose Vehicle to take up the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3044 BY SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2015 REGARDING COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECT.

(a) to (e): Obulavaripalle-Krishnapatnam new line (113 kms) has been taken up at the latest anticipated cost of ` 733 crores. For implementation of the project, an SPV by the name Krishnapatnam Railway Company Limited has been formed with participation of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited, National Mineral Development Corporation Limited and Bramhani Industries Limited.

On this project, Krishnapatnam-Venkatachalam (21 km) section and bypass line between Kommarapudi & Venkatachalam Road stations (9 km) have been commissioned. Earthwork, bridges and tunnelling works have been taken up in the remaining section wherever land is available. Factors like non-handing over of possession of government land by State government and pending court cases preclude Railways from fixing time lines for completion of this project.